

Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child



Early Successes

As of December 2006, 32,996 individuals are less poor because of Vibrant Communities initiatives.

Specific initiatives from which these individuals have benefited are related to:

- Improved income support.
- More affordable goods and services.
- Better education and development opportunities.
- New and improved housing and increased assets.
- New jobs.
- Changed employer practices.

Poverty Reduction Strategy

Vibrant Communities links communities across Canada in a collective effort to test the most effective ways to reduce poverty at the grassroots level. Our work is guided by the following principles:

- We are rooted in a commitment to learn, model and apply the strategies of comprehensive thinking and action, multisectoral collaboration, community asset building and community learning.
- We understand that everyone is part of the problem and part of the solution.
- We focus on the strengths and assets of communities, rather than their deficits.
- We ensure a safe, non-judgmental environment where members can share their knowledge.

Community Partners

Tamarack – An Institute for Community Engagement
Caledon Institute of Social Policy
The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation
Human Resources and Social Development Canada
The Maytree Foundation
Hamilton Community Foundation – The Young Fund
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